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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: CYPRUS

1. COVERAGE ALL MEDIA EXTENSIVE. FRONT PAGES INFLUENTIAL BELGRADE DAILIES POLITIKA, BORBA MAINLY DEVOTED TO COUP EDITS, STORIES WITH SCANTY HARD NEWS CONTENT BUT UNIVERSALLY ON THEME INDIGNATION, CONDEMNATION EVENTS AND IMPLICATION COUP IS ATTACK ON NONALIGNMENT.

2. PAGE ONE UNSIGNED BORBA EDIT CONTENDS "MAIN DANGER TO POLITICAL BEING OF BYPRUS COMES FROM SOURCES ABROAD," CONTINUING LATER: "SINCE ITS VERY EXISTENCE IN 1960 TO TODAY THE CYPRUS REPUBLIC AND PRESIDENT MARARIOS WERE UNITEDLY AND SOLELY SUPPORTED BY THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS BUT THIS TIME, AS WELL AS RECENTLY IN CHILE, THOSE WHO WERE STRONGER IN ARMS AND FINANCE HAVE WON."

BORBA'S LEAD STORY COMPILED FROM CYPRUS, TURKEY RADIO REPORTS. NUMEROUS SIDEBARS BOTH PAPERS FROM AFT, UPI, REUTERS, TANJUG.

BORBA USES TASS'S "AUTHORIZED" DISPATCH. GOY STATEMENT BOXED BOTTOM PAGE ONE, INCLUDING: "EVIDENTLY IN QUESTION IS AN ACT OF GROSS INTERFERENCE IN THE HOME AFFAIRS OF A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY WHICH HAS BEEN STRUGGLING A LONG SUCCESSION OF YEARS NOW UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TOGETHER WITH THE

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NONALIGNED AND OTHER COUNTRIES FOR PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERAT-

ION, FOR THE RALIZATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF NONALIGNMENT AND THE
RIGHT OF EVERY PEOPLE TO DECIDE ITS DESTINY FOR ITSELF."

3. POLITIKA PLAY SIMILARLY EXTENSIVE BUT IS ONLY MEDIUM SO FAR TO
PICK UP OFFICIAL US POSITION IN SHORT AFP DISPATCH SUMMARIZING US
STATEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, CORR GUSTINCIC FROM UN, UNDER SUBHEAD
"AMERICA HESITATES," WRITES: "ASKED WHETHER A WASHINGTON INITIATIVE
IS POSSIBLE, AMERICAN DIPLOMATS PRIVATELY ARE SHRUGGING THEIR
SHOULDERS AND HINTING THAT WASHINGTON IS NOT IN THE BEST POSITION
FOR SOMETHING OF THAT SORT. POLITICALLY AND LEGALLY IT SHOULD
SUPPORT INDEPENDENT CYPRUS. BUT, STILL (IT) HAS TO KEEP AN 'EQUI-
DISTANCE' TOWARD BOTH ALLIES INVOLVED, TURKEY AND GREECE." POLITIKA
PAGE TWO EDIT BY ZORAN ZUJOVIC MOSTLY RECALLS HISTORY BUT CALLS
COUP "BLOW ON INDEPENDENCE" AND NOTES TURKEY, GREECE BOTH NATO
MEMBERS.

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